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MEETING LOG DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Falls From Swimming Pool Slides and Diving Boards

PLACE: CPSC Headquarters - 4340 East West Towers, Bethesda, MD.

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Barbara Rosenfeld, Chairman Brown's Office Jacquie Elder, Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction Nick Marchica, Directorate for Engineering Sciences John Preston, Directorate for Engineering Sciences Troy Whitfield, Directorate for Engineering Sciences Suad Nakamura, Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Carvin DiGiovanni, National Spa and Pool Institute David Roberts, Maryland Department of Health Fred Schall, Delair Group LLC Bernard Burba, Inter-Fab, Inc.
Thomas M. Masterson, S.R. Smith, Inc.
Michael Hagerty, Inter-Fab, Inc.
Kevan Langner, General Aquatics, Inc.
Tom Saldarelli, KDI Paragon Inc.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Barbara Rosenfeld welcomed the participants on behalf of Chairman Ann Brown. Jacquie Elder provided an overview of the She discussed the agency's strategies for addressing hazards and discussed the CPSC data systems. She then discussed available information concerning falls from swimming pool slides and diving boards and the use of resilient surfaces in two areas of the United States (Chicago and Washington, D.C.). John Preston provided information on resilient surfacing and discussed the procedures CPSC followed in developing guidelines for playground surfacing materials. Industry representatives and CPSC staff then discussed the information provided by CPSC staff. The industry representatives decided to form a work group to draft swimming pool slide requirements to be added to the existing ANSI/NSPI swimming pool standards. Issues the work group will consider include: the existing mandatory and voluntary standards; the equipment; warning labels; and, information and education through parent and pool operator awareness. The work group will meet on Wednesday, January 29, 1997 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in Atlantic City, New Jersey, prior to the start of their trade show.

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